GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EVICTION FROM PUBLIC LAND IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided a package for the payment of compensation and rehabilitation of the affected families who have been evicted from the encroached areas where they were living for a long period in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of families evicted and their total population;

(d) total number of fruit bearing trees, plants that have been destroyed in the process;

(e) whether the elephants were deployed for the eviction work; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): The Andaman and Nicobar Administration have formulated a proposal involving an expenditure of Rs.16.72 crores for the rehabilitation of 4917 families identified to be evicted from the forest land as per the orders of the Supreme Court of India.The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c)&(d): No families have so far been evicted. However, 1825 encroachments have been removed and 1665.475 hectare of forest land re-claimed. In the process of removal of encroachments, 8,22,077 trees/plants had to be felled.

(e)&(f): Yes Sir. Some elephants were deployed for removal of encroachments in some pockets in Mayabander and Middle Andaman Divisions.